



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2020

GENERAL

The following trainers and jockeys appeared before the Stewards to confirm their instructions and discuss their intentions in their respective races:

- Race 1: S. Nagadoo & R. Boutanive (**Delusional**)
C. Daby & S. Rama (**Misty Roller**)
- Race 2: A. Sewdyl & K. Kalychurun (**Final Cup**)
S. Jones & G. Aucharuz (**Poinciana**)
P. Merven & C. Ségeon (**Xanthus**)
S. Nagadoo & A. Roy (**Freddie Flint**)
C. Daby & S. Rama (**Straight**)
- Race 3: V. Allet & B. Fayd'herbe (**Well connected**)
R. Gujadhur & R. Joorawon (**Lagacio**)
P. Merven & C. Ségeon (**Rock Manor**)
- Race 5: A. Sewdyl & B. Deenath (**Crazy Vision**)
P. Merven & C. Ségeon (**Sir Bernadini**)
S. Gujadhur & S. Bussunt (**Protea Paradise**)
- Race 6: A. Sewdyl & B. Deenath (**The Dazzler**)
S. Gujadhur & R. Joorawon (**Trippi's Express**)
P. Seesurun & N. Juglall (**King's County**)
C. Daby & S. Rama (**Henry Tudor**)
- Race 7: A. Sewdyl & B. Deenath (**Perfect Pursuit**)
R. Gujadhur & R. Boutanive (**Seventh Express**)
S. Narang & D. Bheekary (**The Barrister**)
- Race 8: A. Sewdyl & B. Deenath (**Slightly Scottish**)

RACE 1 – THE BRIEF AFFAIRE – SOLIDARITE MARYE PIKE CUP – 1600M

Gimme A Swinger – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the left side of its gate and was slow to begin. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Nightingale Lane** to secure clear running.

Delusional - Approaching the 400 metres commenced to give ground, resulting in **Spun Out**, which was following, being switched to its inside to continue going forward.

Desert Thief – Slow to begin. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight and, when being straightened near the 100 metres, overreacted and shifted ground outwards.

Misty Roller – Passing the 400 metres was taken out to improve around **Sierra Redwood** and, in doing so, carried **Delusional** wider on the track.

Nightingale Lane – Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Sierra Redwood** to secure clear running.

Spun Out - Slow to begin.

RACE 2 – THE MAURITIUSTURFCLUB.COM CUP – 990M

The start was delayed when jockey Bhaugeerothee expressed concerns with the action of **Engage And Beware** behind the stalls. The gelding was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and was found not to be striding freely. Acting upon veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at the start. All bets on **Engage And Beware** were ordered to be refunded and no deduction was made on fixed-odds winning bets, the price of **Engage And Beware** being 74-1.

Greenflashsunset - Slow into stride. Hung out from leaving the 500 metres. Made the turn into the home straight very wide.

Poinciana – Shortly after the start shifted ground inwards and brushed **Xanthus**. Over the concluding stages shifted ground inwards, slightly inconveniencing **Straight**.

Final Cup – Commenced to give ground from leaving the 400 metres. Compounded in the home straight and was not persevered with over the final 100 metres. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. As it was its third episode of bleeding, trainer A. Sewdyal was advised that this gelding has been suspended indefinitely due to the severity of the episode.

Yankee Force – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate and was slow into stride. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Xanthus – Slow into stride. Brushed shortly after the start. Carried in near the 200 metres.

Looney Bin – Hung in throughout. Approaching the 450 metres shifted ground inwards, at the same time **Freddie Flint** shifted ground outwards, resulting in these two horses making contact, with **Freddie Flint** becoming unbalanced over a short distance. Hung in in the home straight.

Real Vision – Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground outwards, brushing the left side of its gate, making contact with **Final Cup** and then shifted ground inwards, bumping **Freddie Flint**.

Freddie Flint – Knuckled on jumping and shortly thereafter was bumped when **Real Vision**, which had jumped awkwardly, shifted ground outwards, brushed **Final Cup** and shifted back inwards. Approaching the 450 metres shifted ground outwards, making contact with **Looney Bin** and became unbalanced. Leaving the 400 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Final Cup**.

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On inquiry, it was established that approaching the 200 metres **Looney Bin** commenced to shift ground inwards despite jockey Joorawon's attempt to straighten it. At the same time **Xanthus** and **Freddie Flint** endeavoured to improve into a gap between **Final Cup** and **Looney Bin**, resulting in **Xanthus** being carried inwards onto **Looney Bin** with the latter having to be steadied. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to advise jockey Joorawon to make more of an effort to straighten his mounts earlier in future.

RACE 3 – THE RAM RUHEE OBE MEMORIAL CUP – 1365M

Well Connected – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected and was slow to begin. Passing the 450 metres was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Iron Wolf** and had to be taken out to avoid its heels, carrying **Lagacio** wider on the track.

Lagacio – Raced wide in the early stages. Bumped outwards passing the 450 metres and was carried wide.

Rock Manor – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Brushed the running rail passing the 600 metres.

A P Strike – Slow into stride. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Near the 700 metres had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Marula**. Vet report:

Iron Wolf – Slow to begin. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly, dipped, bumped the running rail and became unbalanced for several strides.

Dark Force – Dipped near the 1000 and 600 metres. Hung out in the home straight. When questioned, jockey Bheekary explained that from leaving the 1000 metres this gelding commenced to hang out badly with him racing on one rein for the remainder of the race. He added that from leaving the 400 metres, when being urged forward, **Dark Force** continued to hang out and shifted ground outwards despite his attempts to straighten it.

Donnan – Hung in in the home straight.

Marula – Commenced to give ground from the 500 metres.

RACE 4 – THE CHANG FONG MARINE & SHIPPING LTD TROPHY – 1850M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the video replays of the start of the race. It was established that when the start was effected **It Doesn't Matter**, which was leaning back in its gate, stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. The Stewards then took evidence from trainer Merven and jockey Ségeon. It was established that prior to the start being effected **Star Of Zeus** was standing with its four legs on the ground with a position to jump with the rest of the field and, when the start was effected, the gelding reared and was slow to begin. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the fact that **Star Of Zeus** was slow to begin was attributed to the gelding's own behaviour, decided not to proceed further and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

It Doesn't Matter – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin.

West Coast Warrior – Slow into stride. When being settled in the early stages, raced ungenerously and threw its head over a short distance.

Burg – Approaching the 150 metres was switched to the outside of **Deer Park** to secure clear running.

Stolen Paradise – Slow to begin.

Star Of Zeus – Reared and was slow to begin.

Midnight Oracle – Slow to begin. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve around **Napoli** and raced wide from then onwards.

RACE 5 – THE DOMINIQUE GALEA CUP – 1850M

Lemon Drop Shot – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Passing the 400 metres was switched to the outside of **Crazy Vision** to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Inn A Million – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 300 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mind Blowing**, it was then switched to the inside of runners to secure clear running. In the early stages of the home straight had difficulty in obtaining clear running and passing the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Alssakhra** to secure clear running.

Protea Paradise – When being urged forward shortly after the start, shifted ground outwards and made contact with **Alssakhra**. Passing the 1300 metres was cramped for room on the inside of **Eight Cities** and had to be checked to avoid its heels. Dipped when coming off the crossing at the 450 metres.

Sir Bernadini – Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Crazy Vision – Vet report: Bled both nostrils. As it was its third episode, the gelding has been suspended for 90 days.

Mind Blowing – Slow to begin, losing considerable ground at the start. Was eased out of the race over the concluding stages. A subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding revealed that it was lame on its off fore fetlock.

Arlingtons Revenge – Approaching the 600 metres, for some distance, raced in restricted room on the inside of **Mind Blowing**.

Alssakhra – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head.

Eight Cities – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

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On inquiry, apprentice Roy (**Eight Cities**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rules 160 A (f) in that passing the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Protea Paradise** with the latter becoming cramped for room and having to be checked to avoid the heels of **Eight Cities**. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

RACE 6 - THE PENG & CO. LTD TROPHY – 1365M

Pietro Mascagni – Slow to begin and, from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and dipped. Shifted in over the concluding stages.

The Dazzler – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and was slow to begin. Ran out of galloping close to the finish and had to be checked when **Pietro Mascagni** shifted ground inwards.

Puget Sound – Shortly after the start shifted ground inwards, inconveniencing **The Dazzler**. Approaching the 1300 metres was slightly inconvenienced when **Henry Tudor**, which was being urged forward, shifted ground inwards momentarily. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Virtue – Hung in from the 100 metres and shifted ground sharply inwards in the concluding stages.

Trippi's Express – Hung in in the home straight.

Haylor – Slow into stride. Leaving the 700 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels **King's County** and, in doing so, carried **Puget Sound** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from then onwards.

King's County – Hung in in the home straight. Near the 150 metres commenced to shift ground inwards and had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Henry Tudor**. Was not persevered with over the concluding stages.

Henry Tudor – Inconvenienced over the concluding stages and had to be steadied when **Pietro Mascagni** shifted ground inwards.

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On inquiry, jockey Aucharuz (**Pietro Mascagni**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that he failed to take the necessary steps to prevent his mount from causing interference to another runner in that leaving the 65 metres, when his mount commenced to shift ground, instead of putting his whip away and riding with both hands, he carried on hitting it, resulting in **Pietro Mascagni** shifting ground inwards and **The Dazzler** being cramped for room and having to be eased. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 7 – THE GOLD LEAF HOTEL CO. LTD TROPHY – 1 450M

Acting on veterinary advice that **The Barrister** was lame on the near hind leg, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at the start. In view of this, all bets on **The Barrister** were ordered to be refunded and fixed-odds winning bets were paid less 5 cents per rupee, the price of **The Barrister** being 16-1.

Perfect Pursuit – Leaving the 500 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Middle Path** and, in doing so, carried **Head Of The Pack**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track. Leaving the 400 metres was held up for some distance when unable to improve from behind **Middle Path** and had to be momentarily eased passing the 300 metres.

Middle Path – Was momentarily crowded for room passing the 1300 metres and near the 1200 metres had to be checked when crowded for room on the inside of **Manolete**, which had been carried inwards by **Seventh Express**.

Seventh Express – Hung out from leaving the 1200 metres and from approaching the 800 metres was restrained, resulting in **Manolete**, which was following, having to be eased. **Middle Path**, which was following **Manolete**, had to be eased to avoid its heels and **Trojan Winter**, which was following **Middle Path**, having to be taken out to avoid its heels and **Perfect Pursuit** having to be severely restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Middle Path**.

Manolete – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Head Of The Pack – As the start was effected, threw its head down and was slow to begin. Carried wide leaving the 500 metres. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Seventh Express** to secure clear running.

RACE 8 – THE FACET'S MAGIC PLATE – 1600M

Slightly Scottish - Slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Valerin** to secure clear running.

Midnight Messenger – Hung in in the early stages of the home straight and raced tight onto **Blunderbuss**.

Bear Hug – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 300 metres was switched to the outside of **Slightly Scottish** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Naizak** wider on the track. Approaching the 100 metres was unable to secure clear running between **Kimberley** and **Valerin** and was switched to the inside of **Valerin** to continue going forward.

Special Force – Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Naizak – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate and was slow to begin. Carried wide passing the 300 metres.

Blunderbuss – Slow to begin. When being ridden with the whip in the right hand, shifted ground outwards with jockey Joorawon putting his whip away and straightening his mount.